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Immigration Portal officially launches today

The Government of Ontario, the City of London and Middlesex County marked the official launch of the London and Middlesex County Immigration Portal today.

The Honourable Mike Colle, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration; Khalil Ramal, MPP for London-Fanshawe and Parliamentary Assistant to Minister Colle; Deb Matthews, MPP for London North Centre; London Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best; and, Middlesex County Warden, J. Wesley Hodgson were among the distinguished guests.

"The McGuinty government is putting London and Middlesex on the map as an Ontario immigration gateway," says Minister Mike Colle. "Through this Immigration Portal and other key initiatives, we're committed to strengthening regional economies and attracting immigration and investment to London."

The City of London received $200,000 in funding from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration to launch an Immigration Portal that will act as a key tool to attract immigrants to our area, and help retain immigrants who already reside in this area.

"London is indeed becoming a very diverse community, made up of individuals and families representing the varied cultures found throughout the world," says Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best. "It's these new Canadians, these new Londoners, who are defining both our city and our future, and this innovative Immigration Portal ensures a warm welcome for all."

The Portal is a Creative City partnership initiative involving the City of London, Middlesex County and its library, the London Public Library, London Economic Development Corporation, London Cross Cultural Learner Centre, WIL Employment Connections and advice from numerous service agencies.

"The Immigration Portal is a useful resource both for new Canadians arriving in Middlesex County and for immigrants who are considering a move to this area and wishing to settle outside the City of London," says Warden, J. Wesley Hodgson. "Thanks to this partnership and the development of the Immigration Portal, Middlesex County is now in a much better position to both attract and retain immigrants living in our communities."

Visit the London and Middlesex County Immigration Portal at www.welcome.london.ca and www.welcome.middlesexcounty.ca.